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1. The twenty-first National Council of the Confederation of Cuban Workers (CTC), originally scheduled to take place in Habana, Cuba on 12 and 13 July 1952, was postponed until 19 July 1952. Eusebio Mujal, Secretary General of the CTC, together with labor leaders Pascasio Lenares, Jesus Artigas, and Calixto Sanchez, intends to present President Batista with an ultimatum that the government render a concise and unequivocal statement of its present attitude and future plans toward the CTC and anti-Communist labor leaders. The CTC will demand that the government agree to solve future labor problems in accordance with the recommendations of the CTC and, in addition, to curtail activities of pro-Communist labor leaders acting as members of the Workers' Bloc of the Partido Accion Unitaria (PAU, Batista's party).
2. Should Batista fail to guarantee these points in a definite manner, Mujal would recommend to all national unions represented in the National Council an immediate break in relations with the government. Should the National Council refuse to support Mujal's recommendation for a break with the government, Mujal will resign from the CTC.

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3. Labor factions within the CTC have summoned their leaders to return to Cuba prior to the opening session of the Council. Lazaro Pena¹, president of the Cuban Communist Party (PSP), has returned to Habana from Berlin and is in charge of directing the union policy of the Communist leaders who are affiliated with the Workers' Bloc of the PAU. Andres Soberon and Jose Perez, Communist contacts within the Workers' Bloc, were ordered by telephone to return to Cuba from Berlin. Angel Cofino and Vicente Rubiera have been recalled from Switzerland and are reported to be returning to Habana via New York.

1. [redacted] comment: Lazaro Pena, with Jose Morera and Joaquin Ordoqui, was arrested by the Buro de Investigaciones upon his return to Habana on 6 July 1952.

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